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TAGS: CDES, YO (MUTCHLER, JOHN BRIAN)

SUBJECT: OBIT: JOHN BRIAN MUTCHLER

REF: STATE 201638, ZAGREB 856 AND PREVIOUS

FOR: MR. JOHN A. MUTCHLER

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1. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE MUST CONFIRM THAT THE
INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC MEDICINE, MEDICAL FACULTY, UNIVERSITY
OF LJUBLJANA HAS IDENTIFIED THE REMAINS FOUND JULY 30 IN THE
RIVER OF SOCA AS THOSE OF YOUR SON JOHN BRIAN MUTCHLER. I
BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON D.C.
HAS ALREADY CONVEYED THIS INFORMATION TO YOU.

2. IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE DENTAL
RECORDS WHICH YOU PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED TO US.

3. WE STAND READY TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN. IT IS
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UNFORTUNATE THAT WE MUST ALSO IMMEDIATELY CALL YOUR ATTENTION
TO THE NEED FOR MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. MOST AMERICANS
WHO DIE ABROAD ARE BURIED ABROAD. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO HAVE
BURIAL TAKE PLACE IN YUGOSLAVIA, THE CONSULAR OFFICER AND
LOCAL OFFICIALS WILL TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE CARE TO FOLLOW YOUR
WISHES AS TO CEREMONY AND SITE OF BURIAL.

(A) THE COST OF BURIAL IN NOVA GORICA, SLOVENIA, YUGOSLAVIA IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1100. THIS INCLUDES USE OF A BURIAL PLOT FOR TEN YEARS. ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO OBTAIN USE OF THE PLOT FOR SUBSEQUENT TEN-YEAR PERIODS.

(B) THE COST FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASHES IN NOVA GORICA, SLOVENIA, YUGOSLAVIA IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1780. THIS INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION OF THE REMAINS TO AUSTRIA FOR CREMATION SINCE THIS SERVICE IS UNAVAILABLE IN THE YUGOSLAV REPUBLICS OF CROATIA AND SLOVENIA.

BOTH OF THE FOREGOING ALTERNATIVES, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT FOLLOW, INCLUDE A CHARGE FOR APPROXIMATELY DOLS 760 TO DEFRAY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE GENERAL HOSPITAL AT SEMPETER PRI GORICI AND THE MEDICAL COMMISSION FROM LJUBLJANA WHICH MADE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS.

4. SHOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE THE REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR BURIAL, THE COSTS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY GREATER DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF AIR FREIGHT AND EMBALMING.

(A) THE TOTAL COST FOR PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 3200 (AIR SHIPMENT DOLS 1200, PREPARATION DOLS 620, EMBALMING 400 AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION 220)

(B) THE COST FOR CREMATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF ASHES IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1780.

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WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS IS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN YUGOSLAVIA; REGRETTABLY, THE SERVICES FALL SHORT OF THOSE EXPECTED IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HOME TOWN FUNERAL DIRECTOR BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE ADVISABILITY OF VIEWING THE REMAINS.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED, INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME. (B) IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM SEND REQUIRED FUNDS VIA WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDER TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SCS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520, INCLUDING NAME OF DECEASED, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA. THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR YOU SELECT MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER YOU GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE. FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY REQUIRE, TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SCS, WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONE (202) 632-1423 OR 632-2172 DURING THE HOURS OF 9:00 AM AND 5:30 PM EST. AFTER THAT TIME, (202) 655-4000.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. DUE TO THE NUMBER AND PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT, THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY A SEVEN DAY INTERVAL BETWEEN RECEIPT OF FUNDS AND SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS.

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7. THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WRITE FOR YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THEIR DISPOSITION.

8. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES (USUALLY SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS), A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU. THIS DOCUMENT IS BASED ON THE YUGOSLAV DEATH CERTIFICATE AND CAN BE USED IN THE UNITED STATES TO SETTLE ESTATE MATTERS.

9. AFTER ALL THE MORTICIAN AND AIRLINE BILLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND PAID, YOU WILL BE SENT AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNTING OF FINAL COSTS AND ANY BALANCE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE DEPOSITOR OF THE FUNDS.

10. IF NECESSARY YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL BY PHONING (041) 444-800 IN ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA.

11. MAY I EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA.

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